Commemorative Stamp on Dr. N.S. Hardikar

1941. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal has been received by Government for issuing a commemorative stamp on Dr. N.S. Hardikar, a veteran freedom fighter; and

(b) if no, the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The proposal was placed before the Philatelic Advisory Committee, which advises the Government regarding issue of special commemorative stamps and other related matters, for consideration at its meeting held recently but could not figure among those recommended by the Committee. No further action is therefore proposed in the matter.

Delivery of Postal Articles in Villages and Remote Areas

1942. SHRI ARANGIL SREEDHARAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether money orders, parcels and letters are delivered in some villages at an interval of a forthnight;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what steps are being taken to make quick delivery of these postal services in the villages in remote areas of the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Probing the DESU Scandal

1943. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the *Hindustan Times* dated the 15th February, 1989 captioned 'DESU scandal being probed'; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to appoint a Committee comprising of Members of Parliament to enquire into the working of DESU and if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALPNATH RAI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As the allegations are being investigated by the Vigilance Department of Delhi Electric Supply Undertaking, there is not proposal to appoint a Committee comprising Members of Parliament for this purpose.

Nylon 6 / Nylon 66 Plant in Goa

1944. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of Goa is setting up a joint sector project to manufacture Nylon 6 / Nylon 66 industrial yarn / tyre cord in technical and financial collaboration with a multi-national company;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the project is not a high-tech one since the plant and machinery involved are about 20 years old and are being shifted from the United States;

(c) whether it is also a fact that this plant will adversely affect the domestic nylon industry; and

(d) what action the Central Government propose to take in this regard?